

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SMALL HYDEL POWER PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any small hydel power projects have been set up in States including Bihar ;
- (b) if so, whether the Bihar State Hydel Power Corporation has sought assistance for conducting comprehensive survey and exploration work at 30 places in accordance with the circular of the Ministry ; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the assistance is likely to be provided to Bihar ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): 424 Small Hydro Power (SHP) projects (up to 25 MW capacity) aggregating 1433 MW have been set up in the country including 4 projects of total 44.90 MW capacity in the State of Bihar.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources has already conveyed its approval for providing support for conducting detailed survey & investigation studies at 46 potential sites to Bihar State Hydro Power Corporation (BHPC). For 16 studies 100% funds, for 19 studies 90% funds and for 11 studies 20 % funds have already been released to BHPC depending upon the reports / documents received in the Ministry. The balance funds would be released as per terms and conditions of the scheme and on receipt of reports/ documents from BHPC.